

Tidy Towns Competition 2003

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Ballynacally**

Ref: **355**

County: **Clare**

Mark: **216**

Category: **B**

Date: **30/06/2003**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2003	Mark Awarded 2002
Overall Developmental Approach	50	37	36
The Built Environment	40	29	28
Landscaping	40	31	30
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	20	20
Litter Control	40	30	29
Tidiness	20	16	15
Residential Areas	30	20	19
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	26	26
General Impression	10	7	6
TOTAL MARK	300	216	209

Overall Developmental Approach:

Thank you for your detailed and informative submission. You have done well for a committee of ten people. You should still consider a more comprehensive 3/5 year plan. This would provide a working plan and could be carried out on a phased basis. Such a plan should have the approval and most of all the active commitment of the community. Now that the village is expanding its population you will have an opportunity to recruit more members for your group. If people are invited to participate they will respond favourably.

The Built Environment:

You have some very attractive buildings in the village centre and the old school is now a valuable resource. The church is still in need of landscaping. The buildings mentioned last year look well and Griffins is very well presented, with a good display of flowers in the environs. The old petrol pump is now an eyesore. The buildings around the landscaped area are attractive and the variety of colour here should be maintained.

Landscaping:

Again the village core is very well landscaped and presented to a high standard. The grotto provides a very good introduction to the village and it has a good selection of flowers and shrubs. The many pockets of well landscaped open spaces are adding to the standard of the village and you should continue this policy, provided you are not neglecting previous developments. Well done to all the residents and commercial operators who display window boxes and hanging baskets. The new rose bed planting on the approach from Kildysart is attractive and there is a good display of grass cutting here also.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

The river continues to offer you potential for promoting wildlife. You should pick out an appropriate river bank location and mount a display board that would illustrate the prevalent wildlife of the area.

Litter Control:

The litter control is good and bins seem adequate in numbers throughout the village. the recycling depot at the old school is well located and well presented.

Tidiness:

You have improved in this category and the village, apart from some dereliction was quite tidy on adjudication day. Tidiness extends to approach roads and the presentation of open spaces.

Residential Areas:

The new housing scheme offers you scope for improvement and residents should be encouraged to join in the spirit of the Tidy Towns. The existing housing estate needs a bilingual sign and some of the boundary walls need painting. In general residents are playing their part in keeping your marks up. Some excel in presentation and this is praiseworthy. The broken wall opposite An Post needs repairs.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

Footpaths are good in and around the village and the road structure is generally good, Kilcrest Cemetery is well presented. The Cranny approach is poor and needs the grass trimmed. New developments should reflect the total character of the village. The houses opposite the school are well presented but the school mural now needs to be refurbished.

General Impression:

The village was well presented and the treatment of the green square is unusual. Continue with a policy of strong colours - extending to farm gates and other traditional features. Good luck for 2004.